# **Rock Island Township**

2827 - 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rock Island, IL. 61201

## **Town Board Minutes**

# Monday November 28th, 2016 - 4:15 p.m.

<u>I. In attendance</u>: Roll Call: Supervisor Alan Carmen, Clerk Joan Clark, Trustees Vince Thomas, Heather Gray, Rita Kirk and James Kerr. Others in attendance: Assessor Brenda Carmen, Doris Quigley, township staff and Moose Maranda, guest. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Carmen at 4:15 p.m. The following township business was transacted:

#### Pledge of Allegiance

- II. Approval of the Minutes from the October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Board Meeting (Attachment A): Motion made by Trustee Gray to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Trustee Kirk. Motion passed.
- <u>III.</u> Assessor's Report: Assessor Carmen stated the property tax appeal process is ending. Assessor Carmen distributed a handout detailing the results of the Board of Review hearings. Overall, she was pleased with the decisions.
- <u>IV. Review and Approval claims paid in Township funds (10/18/2016 11/22/2016) (Attachment B):</u> Motion made by Trustee Gray to approve the claims in the Town, General Assistance & Building Funds; seconded by Trustee Thomas. Roll Call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

#### V. Supervisors Report:

- A.) 2017 2018 Tax Levy (Attachment C) Supervisor Carmen reviewed the 2017-2018 Tax Levy with the board. Trustee Kirk made a motion to approve the Rock Island Township Levy for 2017-2018 in the amount of \$525,350.00 as presented; Trustee Gray seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.
- **B.)** SAL Linkage Agreement (Attachment D): Supervisor Carmen reviewed the SAL Linkage Agreement with the board. Trustee Thomas asked if we had this agreement with other agencies. Supervisor Carmen stated that he did not believe so. Trustee Thomas stated such an agreement would be helpful to our clients and would help to assure they received the assistance they needed. Trustee Gray made a motion to approve the SAL Linkage Agreement; Trustee Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- C.) Senior Holiday Luncheon Expenses (Attachment E) Supervisor Carmen updated the board on the planning of the Dinner. He also presented a schedule to be used for the event. He asked that if board members were available on December 13 they could come and help with the set-up for the dinner at 6:30. He also reported that only 20+ seniors had made reservations for the Dinner. Trustee Gray and Kirk offered to come to the township to make phone calls to township seniors who had not responded. Trustee Gray made a motion to approve expenses for the event to be at \$2750.00 which would include food, decorations gifts, entertainment and Santa; Trustee Kerr seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.
- **D.)** Rock Island Milan Education Foundation Scholarship (Attachment F) Supervisor Carmen reviewed Rock Island Milan Educational Foundation Scholarship with the Board. Trustee Thomas made a motion to approve the agreement and authorize payment of \$5,000.00 to the Foundation; Trustee Gray seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes, Motion Passed.
- E.) Township Emergency Assistance Program Additional Funds (Attachment G) Supervisor Carmen stated the \$24,000.00 allocated for the Townships Emergency Assistance Program have helped 67 clients. Trustee Kerr made a motion to add an additional \$6,000.00 to the Emergency Assistance Fund; Trustee Kirk seconded the motion. Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

#### F) Items of Interest (Attachment H)

Item	Update	
TOI Conference	Trustees Thomas and Kerr represented the Township and accepted the Mighty Message award. Trustee Kerr carried the Township flag at the opening ceremony.	
Blood Drive	Rock Island Township will host a Blood Drive on Friday, January 6 from 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. with a goal of 10 donors.	
Evening Meal	The Township Board prepared and served the Evening Meal on November 9 <sup>th</sup> .	

G.) Food Pantry / Meal Site: A total of 2,245 people were provided with food and/or a hot meal during October, 2016

Sacred Heart Food Pantry – 1,203, Fiscal year to date: 8,230. St. Joseph Evening Meal – 1,042, Fiscal year to date: 7,072. The Church of Peace Food Pantry served 993, 1,669 (2 months)

H.) General Assistance Activity – October, 2016: a) Number of Active Clients – 46 b) Number of Intakes – 6 c) Number Terminated/Denied/Left Program – 5

I.) Emergency Assistance:	October	Fiscal Year 4/1/16 – 3/31/17
a) Number of applications taken	20	124
b) Approved applications	11	61 (36 rent; 25 utilities)
c) Denied	0	2
d) Not returned	8	61
e) Funds spent - \$21,936.55 (\$359.62	average)	

# VI. New Business:

Supervisor Carmen announced the leaf bags are available at the Assessor's Office.

### VII. Public Comments: Trustees, Assessor, Supervisor, Public:

No comments.

VIII. <u>Adjournment:</u> Trustee Kirk made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Trustee Kerr. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Joan Clark, Town Clerk

**Rock Island Township Mission Statement** 

To professionally, courteously, equitably and efficiently administer General Assistance, property assessment and other programs and to properly maintain the Township Hall and property for the benefit of Township residents and the building's tenants.